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Advance of the Cholera!

The starting intelligence comes by cable from Europe to-day that epidemic cholera is on the march westward through Russia, and gaining a strong foothold in the western and central provinces. The disease has assumed a very malignant form at Moscow, there being eight deaths to one recovery. This advance seems to be governed by the same laws which have controlled previous visitations of this dreadful plague to western Europe and America, and the warning conveyed in this fact cannot be disregarded. The large proportion of deaths in Moscow is unprecedented even for this dread disease. We have time yet in this country to put our houses in order, and it is to be hoped that every American city will at once take every possible sanitary precaution, at whatever cost. The terrible mortality in New York and Philadelphia from the heat in the last few weeks, indicates that much needs to be done in both cities to prepare them for the invasion of an epidemic. Washington, thanks to her wide streets, has not suffered so much from this cause, but much can be done by the Board of Health, and more by the citizens, to ensure that cleanliness which is the surest preventative of the spread of contagion.

In his eloquent speech at the Grant and Wilson ratification meeting in Alexandria on Thursday evening last, Secretary Delano said that by the acts of June 14, 1870, and June 6, 1872, the internal taxation had been reduced to \$75,651,000 per annum. By the acts of July 14, 1870, and May 1, 1872, the customs duties had been reduced at the rate of \$54,000,000 a year. These two reductions make an aggregate of about \$130,000,000 a year. These results have been arrived at by faithfully enforcing the laws, collecting the money, and paying it into the treasury. The total receipts from spirits, tobacco, fermented liquors, and other articles—alto all told for the three years ending March 1, 1869, when General Grant came in—amounted to \$231,153,114. For the three years of General Grant's administration, ending March 1, 1872, the total receipts on these same articles amounted to \$330,633,000, or \$108,202,000 more than they amounted to for the three preceding years. So you will see, that while we have been reducing the public debt about \$100,000,000 each year, we have at the same time increased the revenue to the extent of \$108,000,000 on a very few articles. The secretary spoke kindly of Mr. Greeley, but said that if he is elected he must to a certain extent make himself the exponent of the principles of the democratic party which has placed him under heavy obligations. It was therefore reasonable to suppose that if elected his administration would, in some degree at least be shaped in accordance with democratic ideas and sentiments.

It will be remembered that when Mr. Charles A. Dana was called for trial in Philadelphia in the suit brought against him for libel by Mr. William H. Kemble, he (Dana) did not appear in court, and his bail was forfeited. The Philadelphia papers say that the sequel was the obtaining of a judgment in the matter, and upon this judgment the money has been paid in—by somebody—by Mr. Dana himself, or Mr. McCandless, whose name is also upon the bond. And now comes the action of the distribution of the funds through an auditor appointed by the court, which will take place next week. Under the statute of the state out of the forfeited recognizance must come:—First, the cost of the proceedings upon the recognition; second, a reasonable compensation for the person, his agent or attorney, who prosecuted the case; and third, so much of the residue as will pay the amount of damage sustained by reason of the libel. Then whatever amount may be left goes into the treasury of the city.

The Philadelphia *Press* having been taken to task by some of its contemporaries for defending Mr. Hassler, who keeps a public garden in Philadelphia, "in the exercise of his legal right" to exclude colored persons from his grounds, says that, much as it is to be regretted, there undoubtedly does still exist a prejudice against the conning of blacks and blacks in places of public amusement, and that Mr. Hassler certainly cannot be held responsible for this feeling. He did not establish his garden solely for the pleasure of the people, but in the hope that he might possibly make money. The *Press* then puts the following queries:—

"Is it not too much to ask him to do that which would certainly operate against his interests? Would our colored citizens be willing to insure him against loss, if by their presence at his gardens his receipts should decrease? Wethink not."

The commissioners at Geneva on the United States claims against England adjourned yesterday until Monday next. Should the English demurral referred to in our telegram from Geneva in yesterday's issue be allowed by the arbitrators, and the items of charge for deprivations committed by seven privates be ruled off from the American bill, it will diminish the gross total of our direct claims against Great Britain by various amounts, equal, in the whole, to \$78,502,743. The summary of the American bill of claims for compensation for direct losses sustained by the operations of the Anglo-Confederate cruisers during the war for the union, filed by the United States commissioners in Geneva in accordance with the treaty of Washington, exhibits an enumeration of losses aggregating \$1,700,000,000.

Philadelphia is following the lead of New York in raising a fund by subscription for excursions to the poor children who have never hitherto seen anything outside of the city, and an effort is being made in Baltimore in the same direction. The movement is commendable, not only as a work of humanity, but as a powerful auxiliary in preserving the health of the classes in whose interest the excursions are given. New York now goes a step further, and, at the suggestion of the *Times*, which started the excursion project, is raising a fund for the relief of the sick children of the poor.

The eight-hour League in New York, it is said, has abandoned all hope of enforcing the eight-hour system generally. It, however, has been resolved to keep up the executive committee of the league, in order to make preparations for a strike next year. The league also resolved that those men now working ten hours a day should not be interfered with, and the men working for eight hours should try to maintain the system.

WHERE ARE WE NOW?—The Tammany general committee held an "enthusiastic meet," in New York Thursday evening and adopted, amid cheers, resolutions pledging its hearty support to the candidates of the Baltimore convention. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for a mammoth mass-meeting in favor of Greeley and Brown at whatever time and place should seem best to its members.

A cable dispatch to-day's *Star* announces a strike of grave-diggers in London! The subject is a serious one, and it is hoped therefore that newspaper jokers will forbear any remarks about running the strike into the ground.

It seems to be generally conceded that the coming August will bring us one of the best corn crops ever known. Reports from the west and southwest are in the highest degree encouraging.

Iced cider is dangerous. It is also better not to drink cider without ice.

Voracious partakes of crow.

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You can't miss always tell about these votes on the trains. The other day on a Baltimore train there were 250 for Greeley to 60 for Grant, but the 250 happened to be delegates to the Baltimore convention.

C. F. GARRET, Sec. Rec.

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Giving to the inability of our Shippers on the Kenne River to keep so sufficiently supplied with men and seeing the folly of attempting to keep up our teams from Baltimore, we have, after calm deliberation, decided to discontinue our business from this date. Mortifying as it is to us to do so, we have no alternative but to do so, as we are anxious to do our duty to our Patrons to the continual disappointment which it is essential to do.

We will do what we can to help our friends to the best of our ability, and hope that our friends will do the same for us.

FAY, F. COPE, President.

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